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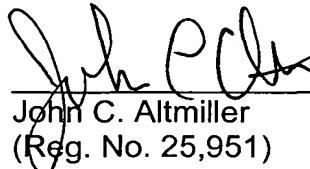
In conformance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b)(1), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, copies of the references are submitted herewith.

U.S. Patent No. 5,157,550 is equivalent to JP 3-148817; U.S. Patent No. 6,088,169 is equivalent to JP 11-249016, and U.S. Patent No. 5,668,668 is equivalent to JP 8-309704.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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